

SENATE BILL 1817
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 18, Part 3, relative to the jurisdiction of municipal courts located in certain municipalities to enforce ordinances pertaining to underage purchase, attempt to purchase, possession, transportation, or consumption of intoxicating liquor, alcoholic beverages, or beer.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-18-302(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting the following:

(b)

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (a)(2) or any other provision of law to the contrary, a municipal court in any municipality where the main campus of a public university is located, also possesses jurisdiction to enforce any municipal law or ordinance that mirrors, substantially duplicates, or incorporated by cross-reference, the language of any of the following state criminal statutes:

(A) § 1-3-113(b), relative to the Class A misdemeanor offenses of underage purchasing, possession, transportation, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, wine or beer;

(B) § 57-3-412(a)(3), relative to the Class A misdemeanor offenses of underage consumption, possession, or transportation of beer or any intoxicating liquor;

(C) § 57-3-412(a)(5), relative to the Class A misdemeanor offenses of underage purchasing or attempting to purchase any alcoholic beverages;

(D) § 57-4-203(b)(2), relative to the Class A misdemeanor offenses of underage purchasing, attempting to purchase or possession of any alcoholic beverages;

(E) § 57-5-301(d), relative to the Class A misdemeanor offenses of underage purchasing or attempting to purchase beer or alcoholic beverages; and

(F) § 57-5-301(e), relative to the Class A misdemeanor offenses of underage possession or transportation of beer.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (a)(2) or any other provision of law to the contrary, in any municipality having a population in excess of one hundred fifty thousand (150,000), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent such census, a municipal court also possesses jurisdiction to enforce any municipal law or ordinance that mirrors, substantially duplicates, or incorporates by cross-reference the language of any of the following state criminal statutes.

(A) § 55-50-301, relative to the offence of operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver license; and

(B) § 55-10-205, relative to the Class B misdemeanor offense of reckless driving.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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